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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND, \$2,100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

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On Current Deposit, Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, February 15, 1882.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000.

RESERVE FUND, £800,000.

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F. COCHINARD, Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per Annum.

" 6 " " 4 " " "

" 12 " " 5 " " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by Messrs KYNOC & Co., of WITTON, near Birmingham.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1881. 13au82

NOTICE.

MR. FREDERICK DEBLOIS BUSH is Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm from this date, and Mr. GEORGE H. WHEELER is authorized to Sign our Name.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, 1st January, 1882. ap8

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF

OLD CHINESE AND JAPANESE CURIOS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 11th March, 1882, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Paddar's Wharf, a

A FINE COLLECTION OF OLD KWAN CHAI, CHINESE, OLD CRACKLE, CUTCHOW, FIVE-COLOURED PORCELAIN WARE, &c., &c.

Old Silk Scrolls, Swords, Bronzes, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, previous to the Sale, and the above will be on view on Friday next.

G. R. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 6, 1882. mr11

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF

PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEWS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 11th March, 1882, at about 3.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Paddar's Wharf, a

QUANTITY OF

PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEWS,

by Baron STILLERIE, of Yokohama, comprising:—

Albums of Views in Japan, PANORAMAS, COSTUMES, &c., of JAPAN (Coloured and Plain) &c., &c.

TERMS.—As customary.

G. R. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 7, 1882. mr11

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 14th March, 1882, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, a

SUNDAY CURIOS,

belonging to

the Estate of the late KONO A-CHEF, comprising:—

Old BRONZES, SANGRE DE BEUF VASES and INCENSE BURNERS, ENAMELLED PORCELAIN, SUNDAY VASES and OTHER CURIOS.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 7, 1882. mr14

To Let.

TO LET.

OFFICES in No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD

CENTRAL

"KURAHJAN," No. 10, ALBANY ROAD.

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, February 15, 1882.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s

CHAMAGNE

Quarts, £1 per doz. Case.

Pints, £1 10 per doz. Case.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

FOR SALE—JUST RECEIVED.

BEST INDIAN SILVER JEWELLERY

of various kinds.

INDIAN CASIMERE SHAWLS.

SMOKING CUPS.

RUMPOOREE CHUDERS; and

CASHMERE CLOTH, assorted, for Ladies' Dresses.

At MODERATE PRICES.

N. M. KHAMISA,

8 and 10, Peel Street.

Hongkong, January 28, 1882.

FOR SALE.

ABOUT 2,000 lbs. MILES & RICHARD'S

Extra-hard Metal HOUBOURT'S

TYPE, No. 19, (convenient worn but in fairly good condition).

Apply to

OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, July 22, 1881.

FOR SALE.

Messrs W. & J. LOCKETT'S Celebrated BRANDS, THREEFOLD'S Export PALE ALE, and FINEST LAGER BEER, in Cases of 1 dozen.

Also,

SILVER-MOUSTEAUX (VIN DE CHAMPAGNE), in Cases of 12 dozen.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

Intimations.

SIXTH DRAWING.

Chinese Imperial Government

Eight per Cent. Loan

of 1878.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following Numbers of Bonds to be paid off at Par, at the Office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, in Hongkong, on the 8th day of March, 1882, when the Interest thereon will cease to be payable, were this day Drawn at the Office of the said Corporation in Hongkong, in the presence of Mr. HENRY SMITH, Chief Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

325 Bonds Nos.—

8 830 1073 2263 2928

15 831 1074 2264 2929

17 849 1083 2263 2936

28 860 1084 2270 2939

40 872 1089 2282 2941

57 893 1094 2318 2949

68 895 1710 2319 2953

101 916 1713 2320 2968

108 921 1714 2325 2970

110 931 1720 2338 2980

138 943 1727 2341 2990

157 945 1785 2343 3010

160 958 1700 2344 3028

169 962 1703 2367 3030

175 975 1809 2362 3041

187 976 1819 2372 3043

196 993 1828 2377 3044

210 1003 1833 2382 3077

211 1020 1834 2383 3079

213 1030 1840 2391 3092

221 1031 1841 2423 3093

222 1033 1845 2449 3099

247 1035 1856 2455 3112

278 1039 1863 2467 3115

291 1082 1873 2476 3119

299 1088 1877 2512 3140

303 1114 1883 2514 3161

315 1143 1896 2528 3162

321 1161 1898 2532 3178

353 1163 1900 2534 3220

358 1176 1905 2559 3223

377 1189 1906 2568 3234

385 1201 1908 2571 3245

401 1207 1910 2580 3247

402 1221 1912 2587 3250

420 1223 1918 2593 3254

424 1259 1943 2598 3263

425 1261 1952 2603 3263

442 1265 1955 2604 3269

484 1272 1979 2637 3270

496 1283 2006 2653 3305

516 1300 2011 2666 3312

518 1303 2012 2676 3329

543 1323 2013 2692 3357

550 1345 2017 2702 3359

563 1426 2019 2704 3374

566 1427 2038 2724 3393

584 1465 2039 2735 3428

609 1469 2042 2746 3438

634 1480 2044 2756 3454

638 1533 2060 2768 3463

638 1536 2063 2776 3467

642 1547 2090 2790 3486

655 1549 2110 2798 3492

662 1572 2117 2801 3510

707 1573 2124 2804 3523

712 1583 2126 2807 3525

741 1590 2131 2818 3526

756 1620 2148 2857 3529

758 1628 2159 2878 3530

766 1630 2163 2881 3556

791 1666 2174 2892 3560

827 1670 2218 2894 3562

829 1671 2220 2917 3567

For Shanghai Teels 500 each—Shanghai Teels 162,500.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

(Agents issuing the Loan).

(Signed) H. SMITH, Chief Accountant.

Counterigned,

A. B. JOHNSON, Notary Public, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 7th day of February, 1882.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT

SILVER LOAN, 1878.

THE INTEREST due 6th of March current, on the above LOAN, together with the BONDS DRAWN for Redemption, will be Paid at the Office of this Corporation on and after that Date.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Agents Issuing the Loan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 4, 1882. mr11

WANTED.

A Managing PARTNER for an Old

Established WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANT'S BUSINESS, with ASSORTED WATERS MANUFACTORY and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS combined.

For full Particulars, apply to

"A. B. C."

c/o OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, January 26, 1882.

THE "FAR EAST."

THE ISSUES OF 1878 WANTED.

Apply at this OFFICE.

Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

Intimations.

For Sale.

MacEwen, Frickel & Co.

Have Received For Sale

CHRISTMAS STORES AND NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS.

EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.
MUSCATZ RAISINS.
METZ FRUIT.
ASSORTED COCAQUES.
CALAND & BOWSEN'S CONFECTIONERY.
BUTTER SCOTCH.
HONEY SCOTCH.
ROSE TOFFEE.
LEMON TOFFEE.
ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.
PLUM PUDDINGS.
PATRAS CURRANTS.
VALENCIA RAISINS.
MACKINNON PEN.
LIVERMORE PEN.
LAWN TENNIS BATS.
LAWN TENNIS BALLS.
LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

EX STEAMER "Helenia."
STILTON CHEESE.
YORK HAMS.
CHRISTMAS CAKES.
TETTER'S DESSERT FRUITS.
ALMONDS AND RAISINS.
CATHINA FIGS.

PICNIC TONGUES.
FILIBERT.
COCOATINA.
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
LIEBOW'S & CO'S COCOA.
FRENCH PLUMS.
HONEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.
MINCEMEAT.
CHOCOLATE-MENIER.
SAUVAGES.
BRAUN.

ISIGNY BUTTER.
DANISH BUTTER.
BREAKFAST TONGUES.
ANYOVIES.
ASPARAGUS.
SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES—

HERBIEUX'S MONOPOLE & WHITE SEAL.
VUEVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.
JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.
CHATEAU LAFFITE, " "
JULES MUMM & Co., " "
BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SERRIES & PORT—

SACCOE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-TILLADO.
SACCOE'S OLD INVALID PORT (1848).
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

1, 2 & 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
BISQUIT DUTOUCH & Co.'s BRANDY.
FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.
ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.
CHARTREUSE.
MARASCHINO.
CURACAO.
ANGOSTURA.
Boxer's and ORANGE BITTERS.
&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and SANDERS, pints and quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BURKE, pints and quarts.
PILSENER BEER, in quarts.
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon.
ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

EX-AMERICAN MAIL.

Fresh ROLL BUTTER.

Eastern and Californian CHEESE.

Boneless CODFISH.

Prime HAM and BACON.

Russian CAVIARE.

Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.

PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.

PICKLED OX-TONGUES.

Family PIG-PORK in Pigs and pieces.

Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.

Best Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.

Cutting-Desert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted PICKLES.

MINCEMEAT.

COMB HONEY in Original Frames.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.

Lunch TONGUE.

McCarthy's Sugar LEMONADE.

CLAM CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

Green TURKLE 2 1/2 lb cans.

&c., &c., &c.

YACHT & PICNIC SUPPLIES.

CALIFORNIA

CRACKER

COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb tins, and loose.

Alphabetical BISCUITS.

Fancy Sweet Mixed BISCUITS.

Ginger CAKES.

Soda BISCUITS.

Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.

OATMEAL.

HOMINY.

CORNMEAL.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.

RYE MEAL.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in 5 and 10 catty boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGO @ 25 cents p. lb.

SHIPHANDLERY of every Description.

RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly executed.

Hongkong, January 26, 1882.

Intimations.

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

On and after the 1st Proximo, the Company's STEAMERS will run from BATAVIA to Hongkong, Japan, and BATAVIA, taking Cargo at through rates for JAVA PORTS.
The STEAMERS will not for the present call at MACAO, MANILA or MACASSAR.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 1, 1882. ap1

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Under the Management of Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. of China.)
CAPITAL, £1,200,000.
Divided into 120,000 Shares of £10 each.
Present Issue, £600,000, in 60,000 Shares.

Of this issue, 18,000 fully paid up Shares will be allotted in the terms of the Agreement mentioned below, and the balance of 42,000 Shares is now offered for Public Subscription as follows:—
£1 per Share, as Deposit, on Application.
£2 on 28th February, 1882.
£2 on 31st March, 1882.
Thirty days' notice will be given of any further call.

WILLIAM KESWICK, Esq., 3, Lombard Street, London, of Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., China Agents, and JAMES MCGREGOR, Esq., 1, East India Street, London, of Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., China Agents.

THOMAS REID, Esq., of Messrs ALEX. JAMES REID & SONS, Glasgow.
JAMES MACANDREW, Esq., 3, Lombard Street, London, of Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
WILLIAM STRANG STEEL, Esq., 6, East India Avenue, London, of Messrs STEEL BROS. & Co.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, 31, Lombard Street, London.
Messrs FRESHFIELDS & WILLIAMS, 5, Bank Buildings, London.
Messrs HOLLAND, BALFOUR & HAMILTON, 2, Cushman Court, Old Broad Street, London.
Messrs TURQUAND, YOUNGS & Co., 41, Coleman Street, London.

Temporary Office,
No. 1, EAST INDIA AVENUE, London, E.C.

THIS Company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring from the CHINA COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, of Shanghai, the YANTZSE STEAMER COMPANY, of Shanghai, and from Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. the Steamers specified in the Schedule attached hereto, together with the business of running Steamers on the Coast and Rivers of China, and between China, the Straits Settlements, and Calcutta.

The Directors believe such a consolidation of the various interests represented, and the making provision, by adding Steamers to the present fleet for meeting the growing requirements of a rapidly developing traffic in the Eastern seas, will render the business of the Company remunerative investment.

The Nine Steamers of the CHINA COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, as specified in the annexed schedule, have been valued by Mr. J. TUCKER, Lloyd's Surveyor at Shanghai, and by Mr. C. J. BOWEN, Surveyor to the Canton and other Insurance Offices, at £140,000, to which £15,000 have been added for expense of delivering in China, £15,000 for the actual cost of hulls, fittings, boats, and other appliances at Chinkiang, Kinkiang and Hankow, and the minor stations on the river Yangtze, together with £50,000, or a provision of 20-40 per cent. for the entire business and its connections, making a total of £220,000 the sum agreed upon by the Vendors, and of which amount it is arranged that they take £180,000 in fully paid-up shares of the Company.

The new Steamer "Soway" will be taken over at a valuation of £25,000, the "Pookang" at £22,500, and the "Peking" at £24,000.

THE CHINA COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY was established in 1872 to unite shipping interests connected with North China, and has been successful in developing an important carrying trade between Peking and Shanghai, and between Swatow and Shanghai, Choofoo, Tientsin, and Newchang, on which lines six Steamers are employed.

The YANTZSE STEAMER COMPANY have three Steamers plying on the river between Shanghai and Hankow, and have hulls, boats, and every necessary facility provided at the various ports of call for prompt and efficient service in conducting a large carrying and passenger traffic. The Steamers are new, the "Taiwo" having been launched as recently as last May, and they have been designed to meet the special requirements of Chinese passengers and the native carrying trade.

The "Soway" is a new Steamer of 1,406 tons, built at Aberdeen, and despatched to China in February last, where she will shortly be joined by the "Pookang", of 1,557 tons, the building of which has just been completed at Aberdeen; and by the "Peking", of about the same tonnage, now approaching completion at Glasgow. These boats have been specially built for the more Southern Coast Trade that has Hongkong for its centre, and in connection with which the Vendors have already attained an important position.

The China and Calcutta branch of the Company's Service will take the place of the Steamers (their own or chartered) which Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. have run for upwards of twenty years, and which have carried the mails between China, the Straits Settlements, and India. This line is a valuable one, and is considered of growing importance, owing to the increasing passenger traffic and trade of China with the Straits Settlements and India. It is proposed to build two large and powerful Steamers, specially adapted to this branch of the trade, to take the place of the Chartered Vessels at present employed in the service, and the Directors expect that to accomplish this, and to make desirable additions to the Coast and River Service, an outlay of £150,000 will be amply sufficient.

The earnings of the CHINA COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY's fleet during late years, the results obtained by Chartered Steamers on the lines so provided with tonnage, and the working of the Yangtze River Service, show good estimated profits, and it may confidently be anticipated that the substitution of European Vessels for the native Junk that is taking place on the Coast of China, and the general expansion of the Carrying Trade in the Eastern Seas, and on the Rivers of China, that the Company will find ample scope for profitable

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enterprise. The business, though still capable of great development, has the benefit of being a going concern, and active service is proceeding on all the lines indicated, bringing in a revenue out of which the Directors reasonably expect profits to pay Dividends, besides forming a Reserve Fund for Depreciation in the value of Steamers.

The following is the only Agreement that has been entered into by or on behalf of the Company:—

1. An Agreement dated 30th November, 1881, between WILLIAM KESWICK, Esq., on behalf of the CHINA COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, the YANTZSE STEAMER COMPANY, and JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., respectively Vendors of the concerns disposed of, of the one part, and JOHN LLOYD, Esq., on behalf of the Company, of the other part, with a Memorandum endorsed thereon dated 30th December, 1881, between WILLIAM KESWICK, Esq., on behalf of JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., of the one part, and JOHN LLOYD, Esq., on behalf of the Company, of the other part.

Copies of the above Agreement and Memorandum, of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the above-mentioned Valuation, can be inspected by intending Subscribers, at the Offices of the Solicitors of the Company, Messrs FRASER & WILLIAMS, 6, Bank Buildings, E.C.
If no allotment is made the deposit will be returned, and the smaller number of Shares be allotted than applied for, the surplus of the deposit will be applicable to the payment of the amount due on allotment. If any allotment is made, the deposit will be liable to cancellation, and the payments previously made to form the deposit will be applicable to the payment of the amount due on allotment.

Application for Shares must be made in the Form accompanying this Prospectus, and forms may be had at the Offices of the Company, and of the Brokers, Messrs HOLLAND, BALFOUR & HAMILTON, 2, Cushman Court, Old Broad Street, London.

SCHEDULE OF STEAMERS.

Ship	Tonnage	Property of
Yankee	1,166	The property of the
Yankee	1,086	CHINA COAST
Yankee	814	STEAM NAVIGATION
Yankee	1,180	COMPANY.
Yankee	1,160	YANTZSE STEAMER
Yankee	980	COMPANY.
Yankee	990	YANTZSE STEAMER
Yankee	1,323	COMPANY.
Yankee	1,406	The property of
Yankee	1,067	Messrs JARDINE,
Yankee	1,560	MATHESON & Co.
Yankee	1,560	MATHESON & Co.

London, 4th January, 1882.

WITH reference to the above the undersigned are prepared to receive at their Offices in HONGKONG and SHANGHAI up to and on the 14th of March next, and in YOKOHAMA to the 21st of March, applications for a limited number of shares which have been reserved for China and Japan.

Applications from the China Coast ports will be received in HONGKONG and SHANGHAI until the 21st March.

The Deposit per share with each application will be five dollars, and for the convenience of Shareholders the calls named in the prospectus, aggregating with the Deposit £7 per share, will be received in currency by the payment to be made on or before the 31st March at the current rate of Exchange for Demand Bank Bills in London, to be fixed in the letter of Allotment.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association together with the Agreement referred to in the prospectus may be inspected by intending subscribers at the Offices of the undersigned from whom forms of application for shares may be obtained.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1882. mr22

NEWS FOR HOME.

The Overland China Mail.

(The oldest Overland Paper in China.)
PUBLISHED AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely-printed matter.

THIS Mail Summary is compiled from the Daily China Mail, is published twice a month on the morning of the English Mail departure, and is a record of each fortnight's current history of events in China and Japan, contributed in original reports and collated from the journals published at the various ports in those countries.

It contains Shipping news from Shanghai, Hongkong, Canton, &c., and a complete Commercial Summary of all that is doing in the various ports of call.

Subscription, 60 cents per Copy (postage paid 52 cents). \$12 per annum (postage paid \$12.50).
Orders should be sent to Geo. MURRAY BARN, China Mail Office, 2, Wyndham Street, not later than noon of the day the English Mail Steamer leaves.

Forms of Advertising, same as in Daily China Mail.

SAILORS' HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or A. PETERS will be thankfully received at the Sailors' Home, West Point.
Hongkong, July 25, 1873.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbours:—
A. M. SIMPSON, American ship, Capt. A. Call, Jr., Master.
COLOMA, American barque, Capt. Noyes, Rosario & Co.
EDWIN REED, American barque, Capt. J. C. Gilmore—Order.
ESCAMBIA, British steamer, Capt. John B. Purvis—Russell & Co.
IMPORTER, American ship, Capt. C. H. Allyn—Messageries Maritimes.
J. A. BORLAND, American barque, Capt. J. H. Kent—Douglas Lapsack & Co.
NEZLE, American ship, Captain Benjamin Carter—Adams, Bell & Co.
ONIDA, American ship, Captain Benjamin Carter—Adams, Bell & Co.
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FIRST PERFORMANCE On SATURDAY NEXT.

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A. HOFELICH.
Hongkong, March 7, 1882. mr12

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "Yangtze," Captain LEE, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 10th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, March 9, 1882. mr10

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
The Co.'s Steamship "Natal," Commandant DRIER, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
Hongkong, March 9, 1882.

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PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
The Co.'s Steamship "Polpa," Commandant GUILLAUD, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
Hongkong, March 9, 1882.

FOR HILLO.

The German Schooner "Hecht," Captain PROEZE, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 18th Instant.

For Freight, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, March 9, 1882. mr18

FOR NEW YORK.

The 3/2 L.L. American Barquette "Nelly M. Slade," Captain D. GOULD, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, March 9, 1882.

ARMY CONTRACTS, 1882-83.

SEALED TENDERS, in Duplicate, will be Received at the COMMISSARIAT OFFICE, until MONDAY, the 22nd Instant, for the following SUPPLIES and SERVICES:—

PROVISIONS, FUEL and LIGHT, &c., for Army Supplies.
HOSPITAL SUPPLIES.
SCAVENING, SWEETENING CHIMNEYS, and LIGHTING EXTERIOR OIL LAMPS.
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PURCHASE of SOUND EMPTY PORTER HOGHEADS.

Forms of Tender, and further Particulars can be obtained at the COMMISSARIAT OFFICE.
The Secretary of State for War does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

A. MEYER, A.O.G.,
District Commissary-General.
Commissariat Office,
Hongkong, 9th March, 1882. mr12

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 8, 11th, German gunboat, from Canton.
March 9, Yangtze, British steamer, from Canton.

March 9, Cheong Hock Kien, British str., 956, Fred Webb, Penang, and Singapore March 2, General—Bun Hin Chan.

CLEARED.

Consolation, for Swatow, &c. Palatin, for Saigon.
China, for Swatow.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 8, 8th, King, for Whampoa.
9, Keng-chi, for Hoihow, &c.
9, Oxfordshire, for New York.
9, Hoihow, for Canton.
9, Prinz Heinrich, for Manila.
9, Glenaville, for Shanghai.
9, Belton, for Yagasaki.
9, Delong, for Saigon.
9, Vladivodok, for Tientsin.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTED.
Per Kang-chi, for Hoihow, &c., 30 Chinese.
Per Vladivodok, for Tientsin, 23 Chinese.

TO DEPART.
Per Crescent, for Cebu, 2 Europeans.
Per Consolation, for Swatow, &c., 20 Chinese.

Per Palatin, for Saigon, 13 Chinese.
Per China, for Swatow, 50 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

None.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW AND BANGKOK.—
Per Consolation, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 10th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per Chi Yuen, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 10th inst.

Per Yangtze, at 1.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 10th inst.

For SWATOW.—
Per China, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 10th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For MANILA.—
Per Zebus, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 11th inst.

For SINGAPORE AND LONDON.—
Per Diomed, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 11th inst.

For TIENTSIN.—
Per Velle, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 11th inst.

For PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, &c., &c., &c.

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For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHEW.—
Per Thales, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 11th inst.

For YOKOHAMA.—
Per Zambet, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 12th inst.

For STRAITS AND BOMBAY.—
Per Sumatra, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 14th inst.

For KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.—
Per Sumida Maru, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 17th inst.

of strength has not been neglected in a lofty structure with a light and airy appearance. The "Mercantile Bank" is a different class of building altogether. The main street frontage of piers and arches (semi-circular) of polished granite is not an uncommon representation of a somewhat Greco-Italian style frequently resorted to in modern structures for similar purposes in European countries. The capabilities of Chinese labour relative to stone-cutting and polishing may be here seen to advantage. The lateral or by-street view is conspicuous for the size of the polished stone-slabs—vertical and horizontal—which form the door and windows. Those used in the former are fully 15 feet in length, and like parts of the windows could not be under 12 feet. The pediments over these openings are of the same material, simply but neatly ornamented. In its present stage of progress this building cannot be seen to advantage. There is much, however, in its style, material, and workmanship to distinguish it, as it stands, from surroundings. Messrs. Sayle & Co. are evidently determined to inaugurate an era in the shop-fronts of Hongkong. They are going in for an elaborate and splendid style of composition in their new building, under erection on the site of their old place of business in Queen's Road, Central. The lightness of the superstructure will, it is intended, appear in imposing contrast with the solidity and strength of the basement. Convenience and harmony have been studied in the design, and the eye will be gratified more by simplicity than profuseness in the ornamentation. Every detail will be subordinated to the character of the structure. The one feature that will attract attention in the construction now proceeding, is the massive blocks of granite intended for the pedestal or plinth. Some of these could not be under three tons in weight; but the careful manner in which they are being dressed precludes the impression of heaviness. We may safely promise that this style of fabric—which has only to be seen to be appreciated—will be extensively adopted hereafter in the business thoroughfare of Hongkong.

The subject of "telegraph construction" has not only a local interest at the present period, but is attracting attention all over the interior along the sea-board of China. The offer made to the Siam Government by the French authorities at Saigon of constructing that portion of the proposed Bangkok-Saigon telegraph line, in Siam territory for \$15,000, is deserving of notice. It serves for the purpose of instituting comparisons with cost of similar constructions in other parts of the East where similar undertakings are intended. If the line in question were to run direct through Independent Cambodia, its total length would be about 450 miles, nearly 250 miles of which would be within the Siam boundary. In the event of the circuitous route via Battambang (which is close on the frontier, on the Siam side) being adopted, the total distance to be traversed by wire would be increased by 100 miles. In this latter or northerly connection, over 300 miles would lie in Siam. So that the limits of the cost of construction are \$50 and \$60 per mile! We must mention, however, that the very best post-timber would be had for the mere cutting; and that this, as well as the track-clearing, would be probably executed by Siam agency for little or nothing. This fact can hardly explain the excessively low rate at which the construction of the line was estimated to be accomplished by the French authorities in Cochinchina. We anticipate that the proffered rate was more in the form of a concession to the Government of Siam to facilitate the wire connection, which will duplicate (via India) telegraphic communication with France.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[Supplied to the "CHINA MAIL".]

(Per E. E. A. & Co. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)
BRADLAUGH AND THE OATH.
LONDON, March 7.
The House of Commons agreed to a motion by Sir Stafford Northcote refusing Bradlaugh's oath by 257 against 242 votes.

A STRANGE PROCEEDING—A NEW TEST.
LONDON, March 8.
The House of Lords has read a first time a bill for requiring Members of Parliament to declare their belief in a God.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next FRENCH MAIL, bringing London dates to the 3rd Feb., may be expected to arrive on or before Tuesday, the 14th instant.

TELEGRAMS for Bangkok can go forward by mail closing at Singapore at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

The *Colona* and *Nemora* come out of the Commercial Dock to-night, and the *Arcton* leaves here in.

Lieutenant General Donovan paid a visit to H.M.S. *Orizaba* to-day, and received the usual salute.

Captain Barton, Aide-de-Camp of the Lieut. General commanding, took his departure from the Colony per the *Cathay* on Tuesday last.

We understand that 600 tons of Machinery for the new works of the Chinese Sugar Refinery Company, Bowrington, was brought

out by the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company's new steamer, the *Chi Yuen*, which arrived here on the 3rd instant.

This distribution of prizes to the pupils of the St. Joseph's English College will take place at the Catholic Circle, Pottinger Street, on Saturday next, at four o'clock p.m., when H. E. the Administrator will preside.

A SPECIAL Criminal Session will be held to-morrow. The case for which the Session has been appointed is the trial of John Bryant, boatwain on board the S. S. *Asington*, for the alleged attempted shooting of William Bryant, fireman on board that vessel on the 28th ultimo.

A somewhat alarming disclosure was made in the course of a case which came before Dr. Stewart this morning. A native constable who had been told off to make inquiries into a row which occurred in a brothel in Square Street yesterday, stated that the defendant in the case, who when arrested was armed with a chopper of the class used by butchers and carpenters, belonged to a gang numbering about one hundred men, organised for the purpose of fighting. Inspector Fleming, who was in charge of the case, said the statement was merely founded on rumour. This may be so, but as Dr. Stewart remarked it is a rumour which should be most carefully inquired into, as the existence of gangs such as this is a danger to the peace of the Colony. One of the inmates of the brothel admitted, in reply to the Magistrate, that she had heard of the existence of such a combination.

We understand that a reply was received this morning from the Earl of Kimberley, to the vote of congratulation forwarded on Tuesday evening, in the name of the Legislative Council, on the occasion of Her Majesty's escape from the attempt made upon her life. Her Majesty, through the Secretary of State, thanked the Council for their sympathy and congratulations. It is significant, that no answer, so far as is known, has been received to the message sent by Governor Hennessy in the name of the community on Sunday last. The following is the telegram which was received by His Excellency the Administrator this morning:—

"London, 8th March 1882, (5.40 p.m.). Governor, Hongkong—8th March—Her Majesty thanks Council for sympathy and congratulations.—Kensington."

It may be worth the while of some of our readers interested in sugar production to learn that a recent French patent called a *de Jibreux* claims advantages the full value of which can alone be appreciated by Sugar Manufacturers. This machine claims to split the hard outer surface of the cane into main shreds, before it is submitted to the pressure of the mill. The result of the crushing is found to be an increase of 12 per cent. in the quantity of juice extracted.

It will doubtless interest our celestial readers to learn that Birds' Nests of a very superior quality—according to Chinese experts—are abundantly found in the Andaman and Nicobar groups in the Bay of Bengal. This fact has been so far recognized by the Government of India that the right of collecting this "edible" is only conceded on purchase. This should be encouraging.

We (Japan Gazette) are informed that H. M. S. *Encounter* will leave Yokohama on the 1st March for Hongkong direct. The *Zephyr*, now in Nagasaki, will leave that port on the same date for the same destination, in order to join the cruising squadron for the present year. The *Kestrel* will re-appear here as sailing officer, until relieved by the *Pegasus*. The cruising squadron may be expected here about the latter end of May or beginning of June.

The *Ceylon Observer* says that—Although the time-table for 1882 of the Messageries Maritimes indicated that *Galle* was to be continued a port of call, we are informed on good authority that by the 1st of May next, at latest, all the business of the Company in Ceylon will be concentrated at Colombo. After that date it is not likely *Galle* will be a calling port for the M. M. any more than for the P. & O. steamers. The transfer of the coal-trade is already making a marked change on our beach, and when the coal-sheds are completed for the different Companies, and the offices of the mail-lines occupied, the change in the business of this port will be still more striking. Along with the office, Messrs. J. Walker & Co. are to erect a large building (on concrete piers) for the P. & O. Company, but the coaling, transshipping and landing of cargo will all be done by boats, and apparently our Boat Companies have no fear of "one life between ship and shore" becoming the rule in Colombo for some years to come. It is possible that a little later on, the Orient Company may make Colombo a port of call and so afford additional opportunities for freight to and from the Australian Colonies.

NOTES FROM "PIONEER."

We have received another communication from this indefatigable traveller, which will be read with interest. As we previously stated the gallant Colonel has lost his Gladsstone bag, with many valuable papers, gems, money, &c., which he has not recovered.

Sunday, 11th Dec.
Left Hail-kou-hien at 6.47 with my baggage in two large carts, supplied as usual by the Magistrate in conformity with the regular Native Official requisition for the same, all the way from Hail-kou-hien to Tsing-chien. On passing the Yanda the *Edison* I noticed a large bell some 7 or 8 feet in diameter, but rather short for that measurement. It appears quite good and serviceable, and is along under the usual kind of framework some 2 or 3 feet clear of the ground. We passed out of the City through

the north gate, then through the suburb and cut into the open country at 7.2. Water frozen very thickly, and we passed several irrigation Canals entirely dry—lots of small but gaily painted Guard houses with a notice on the wall that two Militiamen—Fu-yang and 4 Night-watchmen—Kao-do—were appointed to each according to the names written on the wall, but only about one in ten appeared tonight, and that with lame men or skinny boys. At one place we passed over the tumbled bed of a stream on a rough spar bridge, not at all necessary just now, and a free fight was going on between some mulberry, and 3 or 4 rough looking characters who wished to enforce the payment of toll by the mulberry, whose mules did not wish the bridge and went on all right, whilst the toll collectors got second best in the fight, receiving many whiplash cracks instead of coppers. No attempt was made to search for opium, but I suspect it is an illegal article that ought to be strictly resisted by all passers-by. A cold northerly wind blowing in our faces, and cutting through the skin was anything but pleasant to us going against it; but we kept passing through several towns and villages—some of them fortified by battlemented walls and parapets the latter being loopholed for musketry, and crisscrossed for archery. Some of the houses of the wealthy are also thus fortified, which shows that property is not particularly secure without such precautions being taken. Many of the houses of the poor resemble to European ones, having one or two upper stories, verandah-arched windows and doors with fanlights over them. At 10.58 a.m. we halted to feed the horses at a town of about 1000 families, called Hsiao-tien Chien. The Inn was fine, large, and pleasantly commodious, kept by a good-looking young man in his arm in a dingy white coat, and the entry of three ponies, covered with sweat and foam, announced the arrival of an Imperial courier, from Sze-Chuan to Peking, who thus deviated from his regular course to deliver some dispatches from Governor Ling, of Sze-Chuan, to his son, the Che Fu on the staff of this province; my men fraternized with the dispatch bearer, playing him incessantly with questions about the prosperity of their native province, and acquaintances at Cheng-tu, from which the courier had come in 15 days. We resumed our journey at 12.50, going along the fine plain which now was narrowing to a valley, with low mountains right and left, and the towns and villages surrounded by clumps of trees of various sorts, the road itself being a sort of avenue in the midst of the valley. At 2.32 we sighted the long wished-for city of Tai-Yuan-Fu, then two pagodas on the slope of the hill right at 2.58 we entered the walled suburb of the south gate, where the walled suburb of the south gate, where most houses are in ruins, and the people are loitering about or sunning themselves under the lee of a protecting wall. At 3.12 we entered the south gate (principal), passing up a street or two, and finally halting at a poorly furnished inn, called "Kung-Yuan Lodge," in the "Ho-shiao-King" quarter—barometer 25.25; weather, cold; northerly wind. About dusk I received the startling news that my Gladsstone bag was lost, having fallen or been stolen out of the cart in the neighbourhood of the south gate. I therefore hastened to inform the authorities of what had happened, telling them that I was entirely destitute without the bag, which contained my treasure.

Monday, 19th Dec.
No more news of my baggage, although the South suburb is known to be infested with thieves, and many things have been stolen there of late. The authorities appear to have no control over the street, and if they have done anything at all, in the matter, and try to blame my men for being very careless in the matter and therefore responsible for my loss.

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Plenty of game in the market: five hares from 120 cash each, pheasants, 350 cash per brace; and grouse, 500 cash. At 120 cash each, doves and pigeons are also exposed for sale. I am told that the authorities are doing something, and have sent for the carter who lost my baggage. On my arrival I had sent him to the magistrate as an important witness culpable in a certain extent, if only for neglect in securing my baggage improperly although his attention had been called to the loss of the parcel on approaching the suburb, and he had remained satisfied with arranging it a little, saying that we had now reached the city, and the journey was about to end. When I sent him to the Yamen the Yamen official sent him a fur jacket, and squeezed him of 3,000 cash, then let him go, after taking down his name and residence. To-day, a man from the Yamen came to ask that my man who was in the cart at the time my baggage was lost should accompany him to a ditch where my second cart stuck in the mud, and was thus left behind by the first cart which lost my baggage, on which my man in the second cart had kept his eye before sticking. Now this is just what the Hsien ought to have done a week ago to satisfy himself that my bag was lost within the limits of his jurisdiction, although the cart stuck in the jurisdiction of Tai-Yuan-hsien.

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Visited the Protestant Missionaries here, most of whom are living in the South-east corner of the city, and find the China Inland Mission has an Hospital and Dispensary under the management of Dr. Schofield who did good service amongst the Tartar during the last Russo-Chinese war. Mr. and Mrs. Landale have a small asylum for destitute boys, and a similar establishment for girls is under the management of Miss Landale and Miss Kingsbury of the same Mission. The work being done in these establishments is most commendable, and the amount of Christian charity thus practically carried on merits our highest praise. The pressing need of the language, and superstitions of the natives is great indeed, and is admirably displayed by our countrymen and women in this place.

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no authority to come, and have no right to stop, much less to lay frivolous claims to lost baggage. I asked friend Chen-wu, to tell the Fan-tai that I had every available right to come here, as an officer of the Empire, travelling under the regulation Chinese pass, which entitles me to two years for my baggage, food for nine men, and fodder for five horses, a point that has not been disputed by anybody yet, although I have travelled through the eighteen provinces of the Empire, and its outlying territories for twenty-two years. I further warned the Fan-tai through Chen-wu, that I was an Englishman, provided with a passport, the which entitled me to the protection of the authorities, who I was well aware had received strict orders to see that I travelled in peace without let or hindrance, Hu-sung, or escorted from place to place to prevent myself and property from misadventure. I had now lost my baggage, and I was in a great deal of trouble, and I now expected to have it returned, and I might furnish the Fan-tai with further proofs as to my being entitled to travel in this province and particular city. I also begged the Fan-tai to explain the meaning of the words Hu-sung.

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Water boils at 2.10 in ordinary thermometer, my barometer is thus nearly 3 inches out, a constant error of the last two years. The smoke issuing from the little chimney connected with the coal surface under my feet crystallizes just above the exit, about 3 to 4 feet from the ground, to look like hoar frost. A man called at my inn to say my baggage might be found by inquiring for it at a village some 10 li from here, but two petty Officials living in this inn, the one on duty at the south gate, by which I entered, and the other a sort of superintendent of the patrol in the City on hearing the said report, without making any further search, and declared the man was mad. I was not at home at the time and have failed to find the man since, but I sent to the village mentioned where the people said they had been warned not to speak incautiously. The 2 Wei-yunms, who had been sent to receive orders to search for my baggage.

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no authority to come, and have no right to stop, much less to lay frivolous claims to lost baggage. I asked friend Chen-wu, to tell the Fan-tai that I had every available right to come here, as an officer of the Empire, travelling under the regulation Chinese pass, which entitles me to two years for my baggage, food for nine men, and fodder for five horses, a point that has not been disputed by anybody yet, although I have travelled through the eighteen provinces of the Empire, and its outlying territories for twenty-two years. I further warned the Fan-tai through Chen-wu, that I was an Englishman, provided with a passport, the which entitled me to the protection of the authorities, who I was well aware had received strict orders to see that I travelled in peace without let or hindrance, Hu-sung, or escorted from place to place to prevent myself and property from misadventure. I had now lost my baggage, and I was in a great deal of trouble, and I now expected to have it returned, and I might furnish the Fan-tai with further proofs as to my being entitled to travel in this province and particular city. I also begged the Fan-tai to explain the meaning of the words Hu-sung.

Sunday, 18th Dec.
Water boils at 2.10 in ordinary thermometer, my barometer is thus nearly 3 inches out, a constant error of the last two years. The smoke issuing from the little chimney connected with the coal surface under my feet crystallizes just above the exit, about 3 to 4 feet from the ground, to look like hoar frost. A man called at my inn to say my baggage might be found by inquiring for it at a village some 10 li from here, but two petty Officials living in this inn, the one on duty at the south gate, by which I entered, and the other a sort of superintendent of the patrol in the City on hearing the said report, without making any further search, and declared the man was mad. I was not at home at the time and have failed to find the man since, but I sent to the village mentioned where the people said they had been warned not to speak incautiously. The 2 Wei-yunms, who had been sent to receive orders to search for my baggage.

Monday, 19th Dec.
No more news of my baggage, although the South suburb is known to be infested with thieves, and many things have been stolen there of late. The authorities appear to have no control over the street, and if they have done anything at all, in the matter, and try to blame my men for being very careless in the matter and therefore responsible for my loss.

Ip Akwai, coolie, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour for stealing two pieces of old clothing belonging to Sui Cho Nui, fishmonger at Shau-li-wan, on the 8th inst. The defendant, according to his story, took the cloth by mistake, and tried to explain his running from the police by saying that he was in a hurry to reach home—excuses too flimsy for the Magistrate to grant him his liberty.

THEFT OF NAILS.
Mok Siu and Wat Siu, were convicted on the evidence of John Augustus O'Brien, chief officer of the British ship *Calcutta*, of stealing each a packet of nails from that vessel, which is at present undergoing repairs in the San Sul Po dock. The first defendant was sentenced to twenty-one days' imprisonment with hard labour; and the second to fourteen days with hard labour.

Li Asun, remanded from the 7th, was convicted of a similar offence and sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

CORRESPONDENCE.

POSITION OF PROPOSED OBSERVATORY AT HONGKONG.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

March 8th, 1882.
SIR,—It is to be regretted that Major Palmer did not extend his observations so as to include definitely with corresponding accuracy, the "Longitude" of his place of observation at Kowloon. The difference in time obtained by wire between Victoria and other known points, will have to be reduced to the Kowloon centre, if that high degree of accuracy in longitude of a foot or a second is so essentially necessary. One of the two elements of position having been ascertained astronomically—by observation and calculation—it is not desirable that the other should be entirely derived from mechanical contrivances, irrespective of the value of the appliances used for the purpose. Probably Major Palmer considered that chronometric observation checked by telegraphic communication, was sufficient to determine the desideratum in Victoria, which could be transferred by the triangulation mentioned to Kowloon, and there checked by chronometer. It will be concluded that the wanting co-ordinate would have been all the better independent of the subsidiary means mentioned. The United States Survey Expedition referred to by Major Palmer, which was recently at Macao—the *only bona fide* British Observatory in the East, under the direction of Pogson—found the value of the exact position of the elements of position by others in checking results obtained by wire in longitude. In such matters there can be too many independent results, which would be of great service in the great geodetical survey of India were achieved irrespective of the net-work of wires which interest and surround the whole country.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(Mercury.)

In the Northern Post of the 28th ult., we find the following under the heading, "Avalanche!"—"This last issue of the Northern Post we did our readers farewell. The little sheet has fully answered the purpose for which it was started, namely, of publishing the telegrams, and making known the time and place of the various amusements that have helped to beguile our leisure hours. It was not possible to make it much of a newspaper, with a composer that did not understand a word of English, and an Editor that knew nothing about a newspaper, so that we have had to stand a good deal of friendly chaff, and not the least of our amusement has been in reading the serious notice one of the Shanghai papers has taken of our venture, but we believe that who was friendly, and written by its amiable Editor without knowing the great difficulties we had to meet, even when conducting so small a sheet as the Northern Post with so very limited a staff. We thank our subscribers for their support and these gentlemen and firms who helped us with advertisements, and who have been diligent without a cent of debt, with kindly feelings of regard, and best wishes for the happiness and prosperity of our readers we again say—Farewell!"

Police Intelligence.

(Before H. E. Wodehouse, Esq.)

Thursday, March 8.

ALLEGED THEFT OF A COAT.
James Thomas, freeman of the ward of *Glebe*, was charged with stealing a coat, value \$1.50 from Henrik Olsen, seaman on board the *Grace Deering*, on the 7th inst. The evidence given showed that the complainant had left his coat in the custody of the barman of the "City of Hamburg" inn, but the barman, being rather busy, allowed the coat to remain in the room for some little time. Another man then directed the barman's attention to the fact that the defendant had taken the coat and concealed it under his arm-pit. A constable was sent for and the defendant arrested, the coat being found in his possession. The defendant's version, which the Magistrate dubbed as a rather incredible one, was that some one, who was drunk, gave him the coat to take care of. This man was a stranger to the defendant, and the latter did not think he would know him again. He put the coat under his arm and inside his coat because there was no proper handy place to put it; this he did for the sake of appearing respectable. The case was remanded for a week, the Magistrate warning the defendant that a more feasible defence would be necessary to gain an acquittal.

Li Atak, a lad of 12 years, who was charged, on remand, with stealing from the child of Ho Achar, a silver bangle on the 1st instant, was to-day discharged in consideration that it was his first offence and that he had already been several days detained. He was handed over to his mother.

CHARGE OF CONDUCT IN A BROTHER.
Chan Acha, carpenter, was charged with disorderly conduct, and with being armed with a deadly weapon while in a licensed brothel on the 8th instant.

The defendant and two others entered the Hong Leung Lau brothel, No. 30, Square Street, last night about eight o'clock, and went upstairs. Shortly afterwards they commenced fighting among themselves. The police was sent for, and the defendant arrested with a large chopper in his hand. The defendant was in an angry state.

The defence was that he along with others entered the house, some other men followed came in and commenced to fight. He tried to separate them, knocked one man down with a stool, and the chopper fell from him. He did not know the four men who entered, nor why they quarrelled with him. The Magistrate bound him over to be of good behaviour for three months in a recognizance with two sufficient sureties of \$25 each, in default to be committed for twenty-one days.

has been created in the Palace, and the most vigilant being exercised; the Banermen are kept up all night. During the night princes and great officials go round to inspect. The banermen from under the eaves of some of the palaces and gates has also disappeared. A more daring and systematic, long-continued and lucrative scheme, involving hardly even been known. No money will be allowed to be culprits. Already the buttons of the officials and captains of the Banermen are falling thickly and the princes and great men will not listen to pleadings of money. By and by their buttons will most likely be restored. At present they have lost their lucrative appointments. Those who have not been cashiered have gone to prostrate themselves before their chiefs for the favour extended to them. There is nothing else talked of here at present.

The Memorial regarding the thefts is continued in next day's *Gazette*. It complains of the laxity observed in the Palace, and of the laxity in the Palace to exhibit and sell their porcelain and old bronze wares to the high officials. This ought to be put a stop to. The Palace should not be made a market for buying and selling. These practices were first begun by the eunuchs. The eunuchs are not to gain advantage. The practice used to be that the friends of the Palace were made by the friends of the officials, but the names of visitors and date of their visit were noted down in books kept for the purpose and if anything went missing such persons were held responsible. There has also been great remissness in examining the North and South Halls—the Imperial buildings North of the marble bridge in the city and the Southern hunting park. It has been long known that there were numerous thieves who had been caught. It is well known that these in charge have been the greatest thieves, stealing many things and exchanging them with the bad and indifferent. These thefts have been going on at the Summer Palace, as every foreigner knows who has visited those ruins. The buildings which were standing after the burning at the time of the last war are now no more; one stone being hardly left upon another, owing to the corruption of the keepers, who demolish the buildings for the sake of the iron rivets. The above is but a sample of what is continually being transacted in China. In the Han-Lin College, where formerly an extensive library existed for the sake of the officials, now hardly a book is to be seen. The books have been sold to the public—magnificently got up with huge margins above and below of white paper, which the Chinese so much admire in all their best books. These margins have been cut off and sold for old paper.

The Censor continues to accuse the officials of the Imperial Household for not resigning their posts on the last issue of the terms of office, and the curt reply is that although the period is completed the business in hand is not so. A case is related in the *Gazette* of a beggar in Shanghai, who walking along a road with a man and a youth committed the following misdemeanours. The weather being somewhat warm, the beggar stripped off their coat and jacket respectively and gave them to the beggar to carry. The youth fled and was hotly pursued. The youth ran fastest, and on coming up with the thief was killed by him, and on the arrival of the man, he too was killed with a stone by the beggar. After this the beggar fled, and the relatives of the deceased, not wishing to take legal proceedings, quietly buried the dead bodies. The officials, however, pursued and apprehended the beggar and executed him, and the relatives of the deceased have been beaten for not reporting the case to the authorities.

Since the theft in the palace took place an old document has been examined and brought to light bearing upon the same subject. The Memorial was written by one of the Nei-Ko-Hsiao Shih, stating that some time ago, the theft of the Manchu characters in brass on some tablet over the Inner East Flowerly Gate. This could not have fallen down of itself without making much noise and so must have been known to the gate officials. These brass characters have not been discovered. The Memorialist urges that the opening of the Gate and the daily audiences should be postponed to a later hour. It might do in the summer but not in the winter. The Gate is opened at midnight and the audiences take place at 2 a.m. It is desirable to be ready by 10 o'clock p.m. There is probably one reason against any change in the hour of audiences and that is the habits of the Western Empress. Since her illness, if not before, rumour has it that she is addicted to the opium-pipe, and the hour of audience suits her inasmuch as it is the time after the satisfaction of her craving when she is most lively and able for the transaction of business, and when sleep is not possible. After the transaction of business she can retire and sleep till noon next day—then get up for some refreshment and in general follow the well-known habits and the hours of the slave to opium. The old document has been examined by the Marquis Tsiang, as Minister to London and Paris for another term of three years; so that all expectations for the post will have to wait for some time. The best thing for them to do meantime is to begin or continue their English studies.

Among our guests at this season are the following—Mr. Dunn, Commodore Scholfield and daughter, the Captain of the French gunboat at Tientsin, and Colonel or General Meny from "all under heaven," who has also just arrived. At a meeting of the Peking Club the other day, it was resolved to have spring races, to take place in May and to last one day only; the Cubes, Chinese, and Europeans, or outsiders generally, and the other three to be for Peking residents only. The great examinations at the College prior to the closing of the seals of office for the New Year took place on the 6th, 7th and 8th of February, and the usual breakfast given to the Professors and Protectors took place on the 9th. We were privileged to see some of the examination papers, which did not disgrace any of our Colleges in the West, and we saw the nature and amount of instruction conveyed. Pao-tsing appears again in the *Gazette* with a memorial on the *ching cha* or official scrutiny. He says it was formerly necessary to possess intelligence and to have a good conduct to secure the first rank; now the service is filled by the sons of high officials whose only title to the first rank is their father's rank, and before the scrutiny takes place they spend their time in beseeching favours from the high mandarins. The case of Wan-tu, President of the Board, has again been up in the *Gazette*. His nepotism is likely to end in his losing his post, which is fast becoming much too hot for him. His conduct in all the talk just now among the officials. The case of the Congratulatory Office or Tu Chia Yuen appointed to investigate into the affair, decline on the ground that they are disciples of Wan's, i.e., they passed their examinations under him, and to pronounce their opinion they must offend either their patron or the state. The remaining officers of this Board are requested by the Emperor to report regarding certain particulars which have been left unexplained.

Every day brings more things to light regarding the palace theft. The thieves, who have been living for years in the towers at the angles of the Imperial wall, are often

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Consular Invoices to accompany Overland, Mexican, Central and South American Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Office addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

CHAS. H. HASWELL, Jr., Agent.

Hongkong, February 16, 1882. mr11

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUVA, ISMAÏLA, PORT SAÏD, SYRIAN PORTS, NAPLES, MARSAILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA.

ALSO, BOMBAY, MAÏSE, ST. DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON MONDAY, the 13th day of March, 1882, at Noon, the Company's S. S. SINDJI, Commandant LEQUERRE, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, AND CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon of 12th March.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 12th March, 1882. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, March 3, 1882. mr13



MITSUBISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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THE S. S. SUMIDA MARU, Captain HENRIER, due here on or about the 13th Instant, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 17th March, at 4 p.m.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at the Office up to 1 p.m. of day of sailing.

No Bill of Lading signed under \$2 Freight.

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For further Particulars, apply at this Company's Office, PRAYA CENTRAL, West Corner Pottinger Street.

H. J. H. TRIPP, Agent.

Hongkong, March 7, 1882. mr17



STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUVA, PORT SAÏD, MAÏSE, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON.

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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship BANGALORE, Captain C. FRASER, with Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port for BOMBAY, on TUESDAY, the 21st March, 1882, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until 10 a.m. on the day of departure.

Parcels and Specie (if sent) at the Office until 10 a.m. on day of departure.

Bill and Values for Europe will be transhipped at Point de Galle; but Tea and General Cargo at Bombay, arriving one week later than by the direct route to Galle.

For further Particulars, regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

A. MOLLER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 8, 1882. mr21

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

MARCH 9, 1882.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid-up.	Reserve.	Working Account.	Last Dividend.	Closing Quotations, Cash.
BANKS.							
H.K. and S'hai Bank.	40,000	125	125	2,100,000	63,039.45	40	*113 %
INSURANCES.							
Nth. China Ins.	1,000	1,000	1,000	233,000	1,251,044.91	75	117.5 p. sh.
Yangtze Ins.	1,200	1,200	1,200	500,488	1,847,456	12	11.80
Union Ins. Soc.	500	500	500	381,787	437,088.58	144.27	\$1600
China Trade Ins.	600	600	600	473,000	91,928.40	20	116.00
China Fire Ins.	1,000	1,000	1,000	100,378	42,863.79	6	*1270
H.K. Fire Ins.	2,000	2,000	2,000	823,842	263,403.72	87	\$1950
China Fire Ins.	4,000	4,000	4,000	493,632	144,035.91	18	\$285
STEAM SHIP COMPANIES.							
H.K. C. and M. Steamboat.	8,000	100	75	135,000		5	*\$24 prom.
MISCELLANEOUS.							
H.K. and China Dock.	10,000	125	125	110,000	3,180.53	4	*52
H.K. and China Gas Co.	5,000	10	10	7,489			
H.K. and China H'ong Hotel.	2,000	100	100				
China Sugar Co.	6,000	100	100				
H'kong Ice Co.	1,250	100	100				
H'kong Bakery.	600	50	50				
LOANS.							
Chi. Imp.	1,874	6,270.2	100				
"	1877	16,040.2	100				
"	1878	3,390.71	500				
"	1881	8,565.71	500				
Sugar Debitures, 1880.	600	\$300,000	all				

* For half-year ended 31st Dec., 1881. † To 30th April, 1881. ‡ For year 1881.

† For half-year ended 30th June, 1881. ‡ For year 1881.

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Hongkong, May 20, 1881. loc22

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J. BRADLEE SMITH, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 6, 1881. Gay23

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Three Coolies, 0.50

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1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.

2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Works.

3. From Novelty Works to the Harbour Master's Office.

4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Pedder's Wharf.